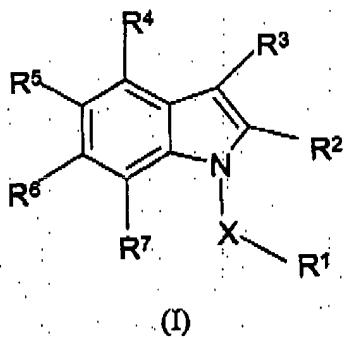


In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I)



X is CH₂;

R¹ is an optionally substituted aryl;

R² is carboxy;

R³ is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl;

R⁴ is a group NHSO₂R¹⁵ where R¹⁵ is optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted aryl;

R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from hydrogen or an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein a group R¹⁵ as it appears in the definition of R⁴, is substituted by at least one functional group, or an aryl or heterocyclyl group, either of which may themselves be substituted by one or more functional groups or further aryl or heterocyclyl groups.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹⁵ is a substituted alkyl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclyl or optionally substituted phenyl group.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein R¹⁵ is alkyl substituted by a group of formula NR¹⁹R²⁰ where R¹⁹ and R²⁰ are independently selected from hydrogen or optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, or R¹⁹ and R²⁰ together form an optionally substituted ring.

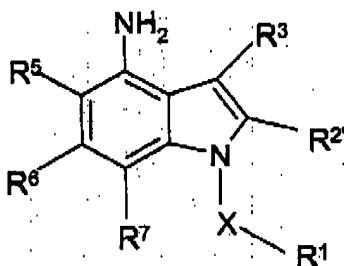
~~which optionally contains further heteroatoms such as S(O)_m, oxygen and nitrogen, n is an integer of 1 or 2, and m is 1 or 2.~~

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl or 2,3-dichloropyrid-5-yl.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1, which process comprises reacting a compound of formula (VII)



(VII)

where X, R¹, R², R³, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are as defined in claim 1, and R² is a group R² as defined in relation to formula (I) or a protected form thereof, with a compound of formula (VIII)



(VIII)

where Z is a leaving group and R²² is a group SO₂R¹⁵, where R¹⁵ is group R¹⁵ as defined in relation to formula (I) or a precursor thereof and thereafter if desired or necessary:

- (i) converting a precursor group R^{15'} to a group R¹⁵ and/or converting a group R¹⁵ to a different group R¹⁵; and
- (ii) deprotecting a group R²' to a group R².

9. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method for treating inflammation in a warm blooded animal in need of such treatment comprising administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.